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Your Garden Next Spring



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Glorify Your Garden Early Next Spring With Dutch Bulbs

TULIPS

For Outdoor Growing.—Set the bulbs 4 or 5 inches deep, and 5 to 6 inches apart. Plant in October or November, before the ground freezes, in good garden soil. We recommend the use of a little sand around each bulb.

For Pot Culture.—Use a good potting soil or fiber and set the bulbs so that the tops just show above the surface. The time to pot the bulbs is between September and the last of November. Use 3 or 4 bulbs to a 5-inch pot; 6 or 7 to a 7-inch bulb pan, or 10 bulbs to an 8-inch bulb pan. To allow root growth to develop properly it is well to break apart the skin at the base of the bulb just before potting. Keep pots in a dark, cool, airy place until roots have developed and top growth has started; then the bulbs can be placed in the light. The ideal method is to pot at intervals of ten days so as to have a succession of bloom.

We send out Tulip bulbs of selected quality only. We advise the planting of bulbs as soon as possible after they are purchased (or if necessary they may be kept for awhile, if bags are opened and in a cool, dry place). Varieties prefixed by an asterisk (*) are best for forcing. For bedding, in particular, care should be taken to select varieties that bloom at the same time. The letter following each variety indicates the earliness of bloom; the A's flower together and are the earliest; the B's follow before the A's are out of bloom, etc. The figure following the variety indicates the height in inches, as an aid in arranging the beds.

DARWIN TULIPS

For the borders, among other hardy flowers, for isolated grouping against a background of shrubs, or for combinations of delicate colors for effects of contrast in the flower garden, the Darwins are matchless. They flower about the middle of May, a time in which the spring flowers are over and the summer flowers have not yet come in. They last a very long time when cut.

	Doz.	100
* Clara Butt (C-21). Clear pink, flushed salmon rose.....	\$0.50	\$3.50
* Europe (G-22). Glowing salmon-scarlet, shaded rose.....	.70	5.00
Margaret, or Gretchen (C-24). Silver rose, flushed white.....	.60	4.50
* Mr. Farncombe Sanders (B-25). Fiery rose scarlet.....	.75	5.00
Mrs. Potter Palmer (G-24). Deep violet-purple.....	.70	5.00
Nauticus (B-30). Cerise rose, base violet, shaded bronze.....	.60	4.50
Pride of Haarlem (A-26). Brilliant rosy carmine, base blue.....	.65	4.75
* Rev. H. Ewbank (F-20). Silvery heliotrope-lilac.....	.65	4.75
* The Sultan (A-25). Glossy maroon black.....	.70	5.00
Forbes' Superior Mixture of above varieties.....	\$3.00 per 1000	.50 3.50



Medea

DUTCH BREEDER, or ART TULIPS

Breeder Tulips are May flowering and quite similar in habit to the Darwins. Their blooms are immense; borne on strong, stiff stems and their artistic shades of bronze, buff, brown and brick suffused with dull orange, yellow and rose are making them more popular with each year.

Cardinal Manning (G-28). Claret, Doz. 100 flushed rose-bronze.....	\$0.75	\$5.00
Jaune d'Oeuf (H-24). Ruddy apricot.....	.75	5.00
Medea (G-27). Salmon-carmine, large.....	.85	6.00
Prince of Orange (G-25). Terra cotta, edged orange.....	.80	5.50
Yellow Perfection (F-24). Bronze yellow, shaded gold.....	.80	5.50
Forbes' Glorious Breeder Mixture.....	.65	4.75

PARROT TULIPS

This class of late flowering Single Tulips is very suitable for cutting purposes. The flowers, quaintly shaped and borne on long stems, remain in good condition for a long time after being cut. Parrot Tulips are large, of striking colors, growing 14 to 15 inches high.

	Doz.	100
Admiral de Constantinople . Scarlet, shaded orange.....	\$0.65	\$4.50
Cramoisie Brilliant . Blood crimson, blackish markings.....	.65	4.50
Lutea major . Bright yellow.....	.65	4.50
Markgraaf von Baden . Yellow, striped scarlet and green.....	.65	4.50
Perfecta . Red and yellow striped.....	.65	4.50
Forbes' Choice Mixture.....	.65	4.50



Keizerskroon

SINGLE EARLY TULIPS

	Doz.	100
Artus (B-10). Rich, striking scarlet.....	\$0.50	\$3.50
* Belle Alliance (B-10). Brilliant scarlet, yellow base.....	.60	4.50
* Cottage Maid (C-9). Rosy pink, feathered white.....	.60	4.50
* Couleur Cardinal (B-12). Cardinal.....	.80	5.50
Cramoisie Brilliant (C-12). Vivid red.....	.60	4.50
* Keizerskroon (B-15). Bright crimson scarlet, edged yellow.....	.55	4.00
Pink Beauty (B-12). Rose-pink shading to bluish white.....	.85	6.00
* Pottebakker (B-12). Pure white.....	.80	5.50
* President Lincoln (B-12). Violet.....	.60	4.50
* Proserpine (A-13). Rosy carmine.....	1.00	7.00
Rose Luisante (C-10). Deep rose.....	.85	6.00
* Thomas Moore (B-15). Terra cotta.....	.60	4.50
Wouverman (B-12). Rich dark purple.....	.75	5.00
* Yellow Prince (B-10). Golden yellow.....	.50	3.50
Single Early Mixed \$26.00 per 1000.....	.45	3.00



DMC

ONE day, several years ago, one of our customers called us on the phone and told us that she was receiving four copies of each catalog that we issued. We expressed surprise but found that it was true. Our obliging customer's message started a check-up of our mailing list which has continued each year since. We are revising our mailing lists at this time and are particularly desirous of retaining the names of all customers and friends who are interested in the fascination of the garden. In order that none shall be omitted who wish to receive our catalogues and special offers which are issued from time to time, we respectfully request that you check the enclosed card, sign your name and address, and drop it in the nearest mailbox. Thanking you for your courtesy and hoping that we may continue to serve you for many years to come,

Yours truly,
ALEXANDER FORBES & COMPANY

DOUBLE EARLY TULIPS

* Crown of Gold (Couronne d'Or) Doz. 100 (B-12). Golden yellow.....	\$0.65	\$4.50
* Imperator rubrorum (B-12). Bright scarlet, yellow base.....	.80	5.50
La Candeur (B-10). Fine, pure white.....	.70	4.50
* Lucretia (B-14). Splendid deep pink, good forcer.....	.65	4.50
* Murillo (B-10). Delicate rose pink, flushed white.....	.45	3.00
* Rubra maxima (B-10). Dark, dazzling scarlet crimson.....	.65	4.50
* Tea Rose (Safrano, Brimstone) (B-12). Soft safrano-yellow, shaded with apricot at tips of petals.....	.65	4.50
* Tournesol (B-11). Rich scarlet, edge and base yellow.....	.85	6.00
* Tournesol Yellow (B-11). Golden yellow, shaded orange.....	.90	6.50
Forbes' Superb Double Early Mixed . \$28.00 per 1000.....	.50	3.50

MAY FLOWERING, or COTTAGE SINGLE TULIPS

We have made a selection of the most desirable varieties in this class, and they deserve a place in every garden; lengthening, as they do, the flowering period of the year. Some of the most delicate shades are found in this family of late flowering Single Tulips, as well as some of the most brilliant. All are long and stiff-stemmed, and are admirably adapted for cutting purposes.

	Doz.	100
Bizarres . Red mottling on yellow ground.....	\$0.65	\$4.50
* Bouton d'Or (F-17). Rich, deep golden yellow.....	.65	4.50
Byblooms, Rose . Mottlings of red shades on white.....	.65	4.50
Byblooms, Violet . Markings of blue shades on white.....	.65	4.50
Gesneriana lutea (D-24). Full, rich yellow.....	.55	4.00
Gesneriana Spathulata (Major) (C-24). Crimson scarlet, blue base.....	.55	4.00
* Inglescombe Pink (B-24). Rosy-pink, salmon flush.....	.65	4.50
Inglescombe Scarlet (D-20). Intense vermilion, black base.....	.55	4.00
Picotee (C-20). White, margined rose.....	.55	4.00
Forbes' Superior Mixture.....	.55	4.00

Failure to successfully force Hyacinth, Narcissus or Tulip bulbs indoors is usually due to giving warmth and light before the roots have sufficiently developed.

NARCISSI, DAFFODILS AND JONQUILS

Daffodils and Jonquils, may be grown in garden beds, in herbaceous borders or "naturalized," that is, grown as if wild. The early sorts commence blooming in March, and succession of bloom may be enjoyed well into May.

Narcissi and Daffodils thrive in all ordinary soils. The bulbs should be planted as early as convenient between September and December 1st. The depth to plant varies according to the size of the bulbs—a covering of 2 to 3 inches of soil is about the average; a good rule is to cover the bulb once and a half its own depth. The distance apart should be 3 to 6 inches, according to the size of the variety.

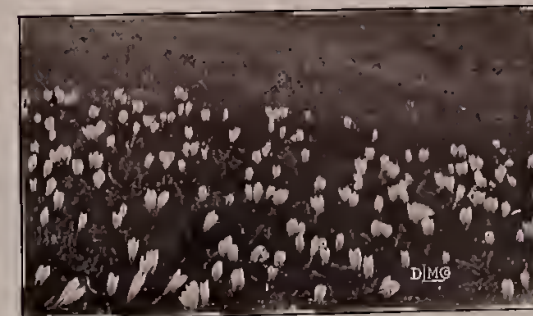
Narcissi and Daffodils are also valuable for Winter flowering in the house, being grown in pots, pans and flats of soil or in bowls of fiber. The bulbs should be potted as early as possible then placed in a cool, airy cellar and covered with leafmold soil or similar material. Water occasionally, for the soil must not dry out after the roots have started. The potted bulbs of most Narcissi should remain in the plunge for not less than twelve weeks, though sorts marked A and B may be well rooted in ten weeks; Paperwhite Narcissi in five to six weeks. By bringing into the house a few pots at intervals of ten days, a succession of bloom may be enjoyed throughout the winter. The letters following the varieties indicate the relative time of flowering. Varieties prefixed by an asterisk (*) are best for forcing.

SINGLE NARCISSUS, or DAFFODILS

	Doz.	100
Alsace (C-20). White with yellow eye, three to a stem.....	\$1.00	\$7.00
Emperor (C-20). Richest yellow, mammoth.....	.85	6.00
Empress (C-20). Trumpet chrome-yellow; perianth sulphur.....	.85	6.00
* Golden Spur (A-18). Deep yellow.....	.85	6.00
* Poeticus ornatus (C-14). White with saffron cup, edged crimson.....	.65	4.50
Sir Watkin (B-21). Golden bell, primrose perianth.....	.90	6.50
Victoria (B-18). Perianth cream-white, yellow trumpet.....	.75	5.00
* Von Sion (A-15). Beautiful golden.....	.65	4.50
Forbes' Choice Single Mixed.....	.60	4.00

PAPERWHITE GRANDIFLORA NARCISSUS

This beautiful variety of the Polyanthus Narcissus is probably the most popular for indoor forcing. The beauty and grace of these flowers may be enjoyed throughout the winter months with surprisingly small outlay and effort. They force readily in soil, fiber or in pebbles, and may be brought on in succession to bloom from Christmas to Easter. It is best to place the bulbs so that they almost touch each other in pots or bulb pans and then to store in a cool cellar or darkened place for about five weeks until thoroughly rooted; then bring into the light gradually as needed. If potted about October first and brought into the light about the middle of November they will be in full bloom by Christmas. Mammoth bulbs, \$1.00 per doz., \$7.00 per 100. Large bulbs, 75c., per doz., \$6.00 per 100.



Naturalized Crocus



Sir Watkin

JONQUILS

Much prized for their sweet-scented small, golden flowers; admirably adapted for Winter flowering in soil. Perfectly hardy and easily naturalized.

Campernelle Improved (Odorous rugulosis) (B-18). Large, yellow flowers, 4 to 6 on a stem, force well.....	Doz. 100	\$0.65 \$4.50
Double Sweet-Scented (C-15). Yellow.....	.65	4.50
Single Sweet-Scented (E-14). Yellow.....	.60	4.00

DOUBLE NARCISSUS or DAFFODILS

	Doz.	100
Alba plena odorata (D-15). White.....	\$0.65	\$4.50
* Double Von Sion (B-13). Golden.....	.65	4.50
Incomparabilis (C-16). Orange-yellow.....	.75	5.00
Orange Phoenix (C-17). White, orange.....	.75	5.00
Forbes' Choice Double Mixed.....	.65	4.50

In buying anything you are first interested in quality and then in price. We import a large number of Dutch Bulbs each year and through long experience have learned where best to buy the different sorts. In placing your requirements in our care, you can accordingly be assured of the quality of our bulbs at reasonable prices. We deliver without extra charge all bulbs and lawn grass seed either by our own suburban delivery or by parcels post within 150 miles of Newark, N. J. Beyond that by express at purchaser's expense. May we anticipate the privilege of supplying you with the bulbs and lawn grass seed you will need this Fall?

CROCUS

Crocuses may be planted as an edging to beds, in careless patches in the grass, in masses among trees and shrubs or best of all, on the slopes of terraces. In pots, planting 12 to 15 corms in a 6- or 7-inch pan, they are very beautiful. Plant 2 inches deep and from 1 to 2 inches apart. To obtain a natural effect on the lawn drop the corms by hand and plant where they lie.

	Doz.	100	1000
Albion . Blue striped white.....	\$0.30	\$2.00	\$16.00
Baron von Brunow . Dark blue.....	.30	2.00	16.00
Large Golden Yellow.....	.30	2.00	16.00
Mont Blanc . Pure white.....	.30	2.00	16.00
Purpurea grandiflora . Purple.....	.30	2.00	16.00
Yellow Mammoth.....	.40	2.50	20.00
Blue and Purple Mixed.....	.25	1.50	12.00
Striped Varieties Mixed.....	.25	1.50	12.00
White Mixed.....	.25	1.50	12.00
All Colors Mixed.....	.25	1.50	12.00



Clara Butt



Forbes' Lawn Grass Seed for Sowing This Fall

Are you planning to replenish your lawn during September and October? For the Fall is Nature's seeding time. Fall-sown grass seed develops strong roots, and strong root development means lawn success, particularly during the hot Summer months. And it's just plain common sense—the warm sun's rays encourage top growth, that is growth above the surface. But in the Fall the sun's rays are not warm and so the grass develops beneath the soil's surface reaching down with its roots in search of food. If your soil is good and nourishing the root growth gets this food and continually develops and expands, forming a heavy, mat-like growth. When Spring comes and the sun's rays become warm again this heavy root growth can support top growth and lots of it. The grass blades start to grow in late March and continue to grow throughout even the hottest weather providing the lawn is watered freely. Most of us sow our lawn grass seed in the Spring because we feel more in the mood, and are gardening anyway, but our lawns would be far better if we followed Nature's plan. The best lawn grass mixtures are made up of those natural grasses which are most suited for the particular purpose. Four quarts of lawn grass seed will sow 1000 square feet, five bushels one acre. We prepare two regular mixtures as follows:

FOR OPEN OR SLIGHTLY SHADED LAWNS

"THE FORBES" LAWN GRASS SEED. This is a mixture of rapid growing, fine-leaved grasses which will quickly produce a permanent lawn capable of withstanding heavy wear. Thousands of customers testify to the excellent and permanent results obtained by the use of the "Forbes" Lawn Grass Mixture. It is composed only of those dwarf, evergreen, and perennial grasses which in four to six weeks' time produce a rich, velvety and permanent sward. 4 qts. \$1.35, peck \$2.25, bus. of 20 lbs. \$8.00.

FOR HEAVILY SHADED LAWNS

SHADY PLACE LAWN GRASS SEED. It is difficult to get grass to grow well in heavy shade and especially under trees. This is because the trees use up nearly all the food and moisture in the soil. To meet these conditions, we have made this mixture, using dwarf perennial grasses which thrive best in the shade. To have a lawn succeed under large trees it is necessary to scatter lawn fertilizer at least four times during the season and to water very freely. 4 qts. \$1.50, peck \$2.75, bus. of 20 lbs. \$10.00.

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SEEDS AND BULBS

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AN INCENTIVE.—The high cost of Dutch Bulbs has largely discouraged their general use during the past few years, but we are gratified to say that prices are consistently lower this year. At the prices in this list, we offer you an additional inducement to use our Dutch Bulbs this Fall. We offer only the cream of the crop, highest quality bulbs, reasonably priced, to bring them within reach of all.

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